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Soviet Protests to Britain Over 'Penkovskiy Papers'

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LONDON, Nov. 15--The So-

viet Ambassador to Britain complained to the Government today over the publication here of the papers of Oleg V. Penkovsky, the Russian who was executed in 1963 for having spied for the West.

Ambassador Aleksandr A. Solbatov called on George Thomson, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, at the Foreign Office.

The Soviet complaint coincided with the publication in Britain of "The Penkovskiy Papers." Penskovskiy is a more literal rendering of the final double vowel in Russian under a transliteration system preferred by some, including the United States Government.

The Russian diplomat was understood to have been informed by Mr. Thomson that the publication of the controversial papers was a purely commercial matter in which the Government was not involved. The papers are to be published in the United States this Friday.

A statement by the Soviet Embassy said the papers were "a crude falsification."

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